

## Treasury Department,

BUREAU OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., July 18, 1891.

O. C. Bosbyshell, Esq.,

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

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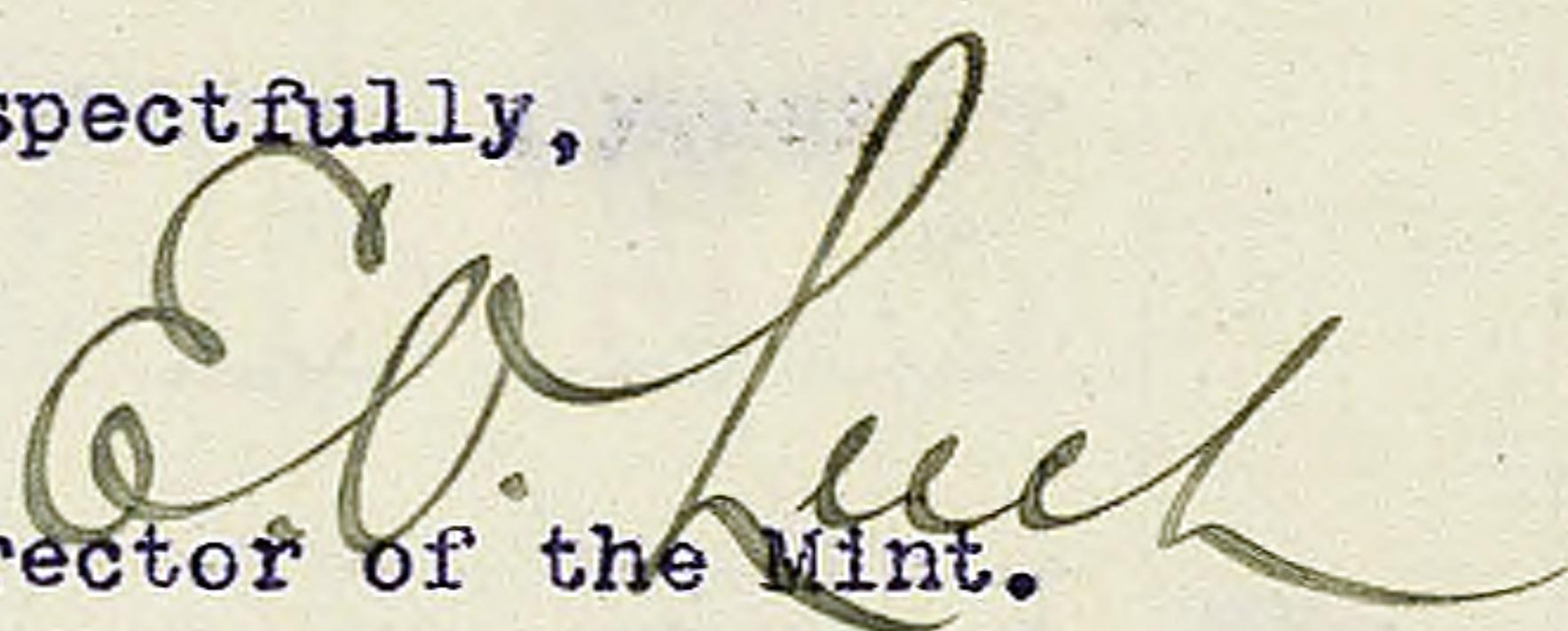
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The importance of this suggestion arises from the fact that the appropriation made by Congress for the recoining of the silver coins in the Treasury can be used only to reimburse the Treasurer for the loss incident to such recoining, that is the actual difference between the face value of the coins with which the Treasurer is charged and the value at subsidiary coining rate of the resulting mass after melting, so that the Department is desirous that the loss shall be as small as possible in order that the recoining may be as large as possible.

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive ink, appearing to read "Edward O. Leech".

Director of the Mint.

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